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- 1, Italy asks US action in Trieste situation--US Ambassador Dunn in Rome has received from Italian Foreign Minister Sforza a memorandum calling attention to the "seriously worsening situation" in the Yugoslav Zone in Trieste and expressing confidence that the US will take corrective action in the situation. The memorandum describes "systematic violations of authority" by Yugoslav officials and cites instances of religious persecution, expulsion of Italians from their homes, arbitrary arrests, and virtual prohibition of interzonal traffic. Sforza informed Dunn that if Yugoslav policy is not changed, he will feel obliged to dispatch a note to the four powers which negotiated the Italian peace treaty, a move which he would make reluctantly because of its possible effect on international relations with the USSR. Dunn indicates that Sforza is giving this memorandum to the UK and France as well.

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2. ISRAEL: Government reportedly planning move to Jerusalem--The US delegation to the Palestine Conciliation Commission (PCC) in Lausanne transmits a report from the PCC representative in Jerusalem that the Israelis intend to move all their ministries to Jerusalem and establish the government there before the fall session of the General Assembly. The US delegation believes that if the Israelis take this step, the possibility of reaching an Israeli-Arab modus vivendi, based on findings of the Economic Survey Group, will be gravely endangered.

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1. US proposes demarche on Austrian treaty --The Department of State has instructed US Representative Reber in London to obtain the concurrence of the British and French in a plan to work toward completion of the Austrian treaty. The Department proposes that, following the dispatch to Moscow of parallel diplomatic notes by the western powers, the three western ambassadors make representations at the highest level in Moscow with the purpose of: (a) obtaining Soviet consent to the reconvention of the deputies in New York on 22 September; (b) presenting proof to the USSR that agreement has been prevented by the Soviet demands which go beyond the principles decided upon at Paris; and (c) putting the decision to conclude a reasonable treaty clearly up to the USSR. The Department believes it should be emphasized that the western powers have made their maximum concessions and that conclusion of a treaty in line with the Moscow declaration and the Paris agreement requires a modification of the Soviet position.

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